Minutes

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1958

HELD WITH

PARK VIEW CHURCH

FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21, 1958

OFFICERS

ELDER D. B. WILLARD, Moderator

BROTHER CLAUDE PARNELL, Clerk

BROTHER PRESTON L. HELMS, Assistant Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1958

The One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association met with Park View Church, Forsyth County, North Carolina, Friday, September 19, 1958, and contnued through Saturday and Sunday following.

Brethren, Sisters and friends met in the house about 10 o'clock A. M. After engaging in song service, Elder W. H. Hancock, 3879 Tela Place, Macon, Georgia, opened with prayer followed by Elder D. B. Willard, pastor of Park View church, delivering the introductory sermon, using for a Text Matthew 5:3-11.

About one hour was taken for refreshments following the introductory discourse, after which the Association met in the house and sang songs of praise, followed with prayer by Elder L. G. Corns, General Delivery, Stuart, Va.

Park View Church with Ministers, Messengers and Brothren composing the Association, proceeded to business as follows:

Elder D. B. Willard, pastor of Park View Church, served as Moderator, and Brother Claude Parnell, Clerk of Park View Church, served as Clerk, and called Preston L. Helms as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Baptists who are in peace with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from Sister Churches composing this Association, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

Park View: Represented by full membership.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Jerry Deese, F. L. Huneycutt, E. F. Lambert and Foster Medlin.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Melvin Mills, A. E. Broom, Carl Griffin, Claud Mills.

Union Grove: Brethren Joe Baucom, Oren Baucom, Harlen Price and Brice Baucom.

Lawyers Springs: Brethren Tommy Marsh, Orlin Stewart, Grayden Helms and Walter Hasty.

Mt. Creek: Brethren Bruce Baucom, Artis Medlin, Willie Solomon and Joseph Edwards.

High Point: Brethren David Myers, Stokes Willard, Willie Cole and Coy Hicks.

Meadow Creek: Brethren A. F. Almond, E. G. Dick, Burton Vanhoy and R. L. Hathcock.

Watson: Brethren Douglas Williams, David Helms, Winfred B. Simpson and T. L. Simpson.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Leslie Auman, Barnie Maness, Elsie Auman and John Scott.

High Hill: Brethren Earl Pressley, J. T. Edwards, Ray Simpson and Carl Edwards.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Howard Little, Warren Griffin, Lindsay Hargett and Roy Hardy.

Bethel: Brethren Carlos Benton, R. J. Somersett, Jerry McLamb and Douglas McLamb.

Union: Brethren Guy Johnson, T. B. Polk, Lee Robinson and Floyd Hawks.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy, Jesse Tarleton, Lester Adams and Evan Vaughn.

Corinth: Brethren Ed Peterson, Marvin Styles and Walter Peterson.

Herring's Grove: Brethren J. L. Lewis, F. M. Harkey, J. M. Mayle and J. L. Almond.

3. Called for Petitionary Letters. None were presented.

4. The Moderator, D. B. Willard, was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on preaching: Elder C. M. Mills, Doris Burrows, Kemp Walker, R. O. Lewis and Orin Baucom.

Committee on finance: W. H. Minter, Lloyd Outen, Rankin Richardson, W. B. Simpson and Elder V. V. Willard.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report.

In response to a call by Union Grove Primitive Baptist Church to the Sister Churches of the Association for ordained help to ordain Brother Brice C. Haigler to the full work of the Gospel ministry on February 8, 1958.

The following Ministers and Deacons responded: Elders V. V. Willard, W. L. Johnston, Edgar T. Aleshire, P. H. Young, Homer Poplin, C. M. Mills and C. L. Ratcliff. Deacons Kemp Walker, E. F. Lambert, W. B. Simpson, Frank Medlin, N. D Hathcock, Fred Eudy, Leonard Baucom, W E. Pressley, T. B. Polk, Melvin Mills, T. B. Curlee, V. H. Solomon, F. M. Stroud, Jonah Heath, R. O. Lewis, Joe C. Helms, Dock Helms, A. E. Broome, J. M. Taylor, John Allman, Howard Edwards, C. W. Griffin, W. S. Medlin, F. L. Baucom, S. H. Edwards, C. C. Furr, Roy Hardy, J. T. Simpson, J H. Gaddy, C. C. Willard, A. D. McLamb and Lloyd Outen.

Elder Haigler is a very gifted young minister.

By request and authority of Union Church, Gaston county, N. C., a Presbytery was formed consisting of Elders E. H. Simpson, C. M. Mills, H. C. McMillon and Deacons Leonard Baucom, W. L. Solomon, W. B. Simpson, C. W. Griffin, Lindsay Hargette, N. D. Hathcock, F. P. Eudy, W. R. Coley, Sam Hartley, K. Crawford, Melton Green, T. B. Polk, Ray Hardy, Guy Johnson and Lloyd Outen and Ordained Brother V. H. Solomon to the full work of a Deacon, November 30, 1957.

6. Invited visitors from Corresponding Associations to seats with us.

Silver Creek: Elders H. C. McMillon, Orvin Huffman and Brethren L. J. Anderson and wife, Sam Hartley and Elder J. D. Snyder.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders J. T. Lewis, J. S. Collins, Brethren J. M. Byrd and wife, R. D. Woodard, Freddy Giles and wife, Pete Watkins and wife, Stokes Lawrence, J. D. Stancil, Lonnie Johnson and others.

Original Towaliga: Elder E. D. Spier and wife, Brethren Lee Spier and Fred Lee.

Little River of Georgia: Elder M. M. Morton and wife, Sister Fanny Morton, Brother Homer Parker and wife and daughter.

South Arkansas: No intelligence.

Friendship of Georgia: Brethren W. E. Gloer and wife, Luther A. Davis, C. P. Cole and wife.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elder Harold Tipton.

Powell's Valley: Brethren Clarence Hensley and wife, J. R. Ritter, E. L. Ritter and Paul Adams.

Mount Zion: Elder H. L. Thompson, Sisters Louise Thompson, Mary Thompson and Brother Thomas A. Thompson.

7. Invited visiting Brethren and Sisters from Sister Associations and Churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us.

New River of Virginia: Elders L. J. Corns, Wilber F. Worrell, J. D. Hopkins, C. F. Martin, J. S. Harris, W. T. Clifton and Brethren Roy A. Chappell, R. F. Clinton, Sisters Lillie Clifton, Ruth Clifton and Ella Harris.

Ketochton of Va.: Elders T. E. Majors and wife, W. G. Fletcher and Brother Oscar Thompson and wife.

Echeconnie of Georgia: Elder W. H. Hancock and wife.

Mount View Church: Brother R. G. Tolbert, Sisters Nettie Tolbelt and Brooksie Cooke.

North View Church: Sister Janie Wood.

Ebenezer Church: Sister P. H. Young.

Martinsville Church. Elder F. F. Eggleston and wife and Brother Andrew Ashlef and wife.

Good Home Church: Brethren John L. Wilson and wife and Andrew Ashley and wife.

Blue Ridge of Ga.: Brother J. B. Parker and wife.

Flat Lick Church: Elder Fred G. Clayton.

Upatoie of Ga.; Brother and Sister J. F. Parker.

Pine Ridge Church: Elder W. L. Johnson and a host of Brethren and Sisters were present expressing a desire for a good and profitable meeting and asking to assist in caring for visiting Brethren and Sisters and presented a contribution of $50.00 to help defray expeses.

We want you to know we appreciate such thoughtful, loving fellowship. May God's richest blessings hover round about you all the days of your life. May we meet such loved ones in heaven to praise God throughout eternity.

8. Appointed Messengers to visit Corresponding Associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders V. V. Willard, E. H. Simpson and Brother W. H. Minter.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders C. M. Mills, Brice Haigler and E. H. Simpson.

Little River of Georgia: Elders B. C. Haigler, C. L. Ratcliff, V. V. Willard and E. H. Simpson and Brother Ellis Honeycutt.

South Arkansas: Minutes and Messengers if possible.

Mount Zion: Elders V. V. Willard, D. B. Willard and E. H. Simpson.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elders B. C. Haigler, V. V. Willard and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Powell's Valley: Elders P. H. Young, C. M. Mills and H. L. Poplin.

Original Towaliga: Elder D. B. Willard and Brother Claud Parnell.

Friendship of Georgia: Elders B. C. Haigler and H. L. Poplin.

9. On motion unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all Churches and Associations whom we now correspond with.

10. On motion Elder V. V. Willard was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in the Minutes of this session of the Association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:00 A. M.

Benediction by Brother Joe C. Helms.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at 9:00 A. M.

After songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. S. Collins of Little River of North Carolina, continued with business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report.

Contributed by Churches	$813.00
Contributed by Friends	$ 95.00
Total Contributions	$908.00

13. On Motion agreed to distribute Minutes as usual.

14. Called for Corresponding Letter, which was handed in, read and unanimously adopted.

15. Extended invitation to the Churches of this Association to call for fifth Sunday meetings.

There will be four union meetings as follows:
November 1958: High Point.
March 1959: Meadow Creek.
May 1959: Oak Grove.
August 1959: Bethel.

16. On Motion it was unanimously agreed to hold the next session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association with Liberty Hill Church, Stanly county, North Carolina, beginning Friday, September 18, 1959, and continuing through Saturday and third Sunday following, and that the pastor of Liberty Hill Church preach the introductory sermon.

17. On Motion agreed to have 1300 copies of this Minute printed and distributed to Churches and Associations as usual, and that Preston L. Helms superintend the printing and distribution of same and that he be allowed $110.00 for printing, mailing and clerk's service.

18. A motion carried unanimously to distribute all funds above that allowed for printing, mailing and clerk's service to ministers present and other expenses as the finance committee may feel proper.

19. By unanimous consent this Association returns thanks to God for his mercy, and to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of Park View Church and vicinity for their kind hospitality and entertainment afforded us during this session of the Association.

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to Ray Gibbs, County Superintendent of Schools and to Professor Dallas Shugart, Principal and Jack Nelson, janitor of Robert B. Glenn High School and all who helped in any way, for the use of the gymnasium and all the conveniences afforded by the school. May God's rich blessings be with each of you always.

20. Agreed to adjourn to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder Ford Martin, of New River, Va.

ELDER D. B. WILLARD, Moderator
BROTHER CLAUD L. PARNELL, Clerk
PRESTON L. HELMS, Assistant Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	$813.00
Received from friends	$ 95.00
Total	$908.00

EXPENDITURES

Printing Minutes	$ 75.00
Mailing and clerk's service	$ 35.00
Distributed to Ministers	$798.00
Total expenditures	$908.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder D. B. Willard. Text: Matt. 5:3-11.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder J. T. Lewis. Text: John 13:35.
Elder L. J. Corns. Text: John 1:1-15.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder W. L. Johnson opened service with short talk and prayer.
Elder W. G. Fletcher. Text: Matt. 28:19-20.
Elder J. S. Collins. Text: John 10:24-28.
Elder Elzie D. Spier. Text: Matt. 28:16-20.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder H. L. Thompson. Text: Matt. 1:21.
Elder R. P. Vass. Text: Eph. 2:16.
Elder Harold Tipton. Text: John 3:3.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder H. C. McMillon. Text: Titus 2:1-8.
Elder W. H. Hancock. Text: Prov. 16:11.
Elder M. M. Morton. Text: 2nd John 1:1.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder J. S. Harris. Text. 1st John 4:13.
Elder J. S. Collins. Text: Solomon Songs 2:1-7.

FRIDAY NIGHT

High Point Church

Elder T. E. Majors. Failed to get Text.
Elder Harold Tipton. Failed to get Text.

Park View Church

Elder W. F. Worrell. Text: Psalms 127:1-2.
Elder Elzia D. Spier. Text: Gal. 3:26.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Park View Church

Elder Orvin Huffman. Text: 1st Cor. 15:33.
Elder Fred Clayton. Text: Resurrection of these our bodies.

MOUNT VIEW CHURCH

Elder J. D. Hopkins. Text: Rom. 7:19-21.
Elder M. M. Morton. Text: Ezek. 43:10.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C M. Mills, 3130 Central Avenue, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, Route 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Route 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Route 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder Brice Haigler, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Route 1, Linwood, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Joe C. Helms, Peachland. N. C.
Brother Harlin Price, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder W. H. Hancock, 3879 Tela Place, Macon, Ga.
Elder W. G. Fletcher, Strasburg, Virginia.
Elder Wilbur F. Worrell, 1255 Millerwood Dr., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder L. J. Corns, General Delivery, Stuart, Virginia.
Elder Elzie D. Spier, Jr., Conley, Georgia.
Elder Harold Tipton, 3908 Vallew View Road, Knoxville, Tennessee.
Elder H. L. Thompson, Route 1, Joppa, Ala.
Elder M. M. Morton, Route 2, Box 252, Smyrna, Georgia.
Elder T. E. Majors, Cloud Street, Fort Royal, Virginia.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Coats, North Carolina.
Elder F. F. Eggleston, Collinsville, Virginia.
Elder W. L. Johnson, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. S. Collins, Route 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder Orvin J. Huffman, Rt. 4, Box 112, Asheville, N. C.
Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va.
Elder C. F. Martin, 103 Oak St., Galax, Va.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, 415 Edgeville Dr., Danville, Va.
Elder R. P. Vass, Rt. 3, Box 2B, Hillsville, Va.
Elder Coy Mabe, Danberry, N. C.

Elder W. W. Clifton, Rt. 7, Box 186, Roanoke, Va.
Elder Fred G. Clayton, Rt. 3, Box 101, London, Ky.
Elder H. C. McMillon, Rt. 1, Box 462, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder J. D. Snyder, 44 W. Devonshire St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

IN MEMORIAM

Sacred to the memory of our Brethren and Sisters who have passed away since our last Association and whose names and home churches appear below.

Be it resolved that The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association mourns with these churches and bereaved families of our great loss in the passing of the dear ones who were so near and dear to us. We bow in humble submission to His holy will.

Also be it resolved that we spread this memorial upon the minutes of this session of the Association.

Park View: Sister Mary Minter.

Liberty Hill: Sister Ellen Underwood.

Pleasant Grove: Sisters Hettie Griffin, Wilma Williams and Julie Helms.

Union Grove: Brother Alonzo Griffin, Sisters Tempee Honeycutt, Bredie Broom and Gertrude Kiker.

Lawyer Springs: Sister Lou Carpenter, Brethren W. O. Ponds and Thanny M. Helms.

Mountain Creek: Sister Minnie Mauldin.

High Point: Sisters Kate Royster West, Martha Jane Welborne, Brother Fletcher Stone.

Meadow Creek: Sister Jennie Hinson and Brother F. W. Smith.

Watson: Brother Charles L. Helms.

High Hill: Brethren Albert Mills and Floyd Stacks.

Mills Chapel: Sister Betty Kate Hardy and Brother Joe Hailey.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the Messengers and Ministers, laity and friends who are assembled with us, we thank God for your presence and we truly hope that your comfort will be such that you will desire to come again. This doctrine that we all believe you rejoice in, and is still all that a child of God can find comfort in, is that God's family will reach Heaven by reason of the meritorious work that Jesus accomplished on the cross and that they will be called by the power of His spirit at his appointed time. However, their happiness, usefulness and understanding will be more thorough by their obedience to His heavenly calling. May we at this setting and those to come, labor lovingly and prayerfully to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

Submitted in love,

V. V. WILLARD

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose HIS Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called. converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righeous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st: We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th: The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Received by Exp. & Baptism	Received by Relation	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sundays of Meetings	Contributions
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills	Ellis Huneycutt, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	5					1	1	98	1	50.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	A. E. Broom, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C.						2	3	57	2	63.00
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	L. E. Outen, 1726 Chestnut St., Charlotte, N. C.	3					1	4	145	2	120.00
Lawyers Springs	Elder V. V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	1						3	87	1	45.00
Mt. Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C.	2						1	45	3	33.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard	H. M. Willard, 1615 Granite St., Winston-Salem, N. C.	6		1			1	3	119	4	100.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	N. D. Hathcock, Rt. 2, Stanfield, N. C.							2	62	1	68.00
Watson	Elder C. L. Ratcliff	Preston L Helms, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.							1	44	4	34.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C.	4							47	3	50.00
High Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	Martin C. Mills, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	1						2	68	1	63.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	W. W. Griffin, 309 Caldwell St., Kannapolis, N. C.	3					1	2	46	2	45.00
Bethel	Elder D. B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, N. C.	4					1	1	68	4	48.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	V. H. Soloman, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.	4					1		39	3	35.00
Oak Grove	Elder H. L. Poplin	Mrs. Gertrude Greggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C.								10	4	8.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	Walter Peterson, Kings Mountain, N. C.	2							13	3	5.00
Herrings Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	J. L. Lewis	8							14	4	15.00
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	C. L. Parnell, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.	1						1	31	3	31.00
		Donated By Friends										95.00
		TOTALS	44	0	1	0	0	8	24	993		908.00

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